

CITY COUNCIL MID-YEAR RETREAT

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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

President Alexander called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Graves, Ms. Johnson, Ms. McClellan, Mr. Riddick, Mr. Smigiel and Mr. Thomas. Dr. Whibley arrived at 2:10 p.m.

The City Manager next provided an overview of the retreat. Council then moved to the first item of business.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST/ETHICS

Jack Cloud, Deputy City Attorney, presented an overview of the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act. He noted conflicts involving contracts prohibit elected officials from having contracts with the governmental organization they represent or with agencies whose boards they appoint. If a member represents a client with a contract before the governing body, the member must disclose the relationship orally or in writing.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion for closed session was approved for purposes which are set out in **Clause 1** of subsection **(A)** of **Section 2.2-3711** of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as amended:

- (1) Discussion of candidates for appointment to council appointed Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel, Thomas, and Alexander.

No: None.

Absent for vote: Dr. Whibley

ACTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

A Resolution certifying a closed meeting of the council of the City of Norfolk in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel, Thomas, Whibley and Alexander.

No: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

C-1 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** to permit alternative signage for “Ikea” on property located at **6000 Northampton Boulevard**.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective February 13, 2017.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel, Thomas, Whibley, and Alexander.

No: None.

C-2 Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** authorizing the operation of an entertainment establishment with alcoholic beverages known as “Hilton Norfolk The Main” and all associated restaurants on property located at **100 and 120 East Main Street**.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective February 13, 2017.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel, Thomas, Whibley, and Alexander.

No: None.

C-2A

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption at an establishment known as “Hilton Norfolk The Main” and all associated restaurants on property located at **100 and 120 East Main Street**.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective February 13, 2017.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel, Thomas, Whibley, and Alexander.

No: None.

C-2B

Letter from the City Manager and an Ordinance entitled, “An Ordinance granting a **Special Exception** authorizing the operation of an entertainment establishment with alcoholic beverages known as “he Exchange at the Main” conference center on property located at **100 and 120 East Main Street**.

ACTION: The Ordinance as introduced was **adopted**, effective February 13, 2017.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel, Thomas, Whibley, and Alexander.

No: None.

WINNING CITIES OF TOMORROW

John Martin, President, SIR, provided an overview of generational differences from baby boomers to millennials, focusing on the need to attract millennials as boomers age and retire.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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FEBRUARY 14, 2017

President Alexander called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with the following members present: Mrs. Graves, Ms. Johnson, Ms. McClellan, Mr. Smigiel, Mr. Thomas and Dr. Whibley. Mr. Riddick arrived at 10:40 a.m.

Council next convened in closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion for closed session was approved for purposes which are set out in **Clause 1** of subsection **(A)** of **Section 2.2-3711** of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, as amended:

(1) Discussion of performance of council appointed officers.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel, Thomas, Whibley and Alexander.

No: None.

A Resolution certifying a closed meeting of the council of the City of Norfolk in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Yes: Graves, Johnson, McClellan, Riddick, Smigiel, Thomas, Whibley and Alexander.

No: None.

WINNING CITIES OF THE FUTURE

John Martin continued from yesterday.

THE WORK OF COUNCIL

Jim Oliver, former Norfolk City Manager, discussed the role of City Council and of the City Manager.

The discussion next moved to council meeting agendas – work session and formal. Several members expressed interest in either meeting more frequently or longer.

Mr. Thomas asked when will issues be brought up and how are they to be brought up, and commented amending Richmond's council rules of procedure to fit Norfolk, would answer this and other questions.

Council agreed to add one meeting a month as a work session only on first Tuesdays beginning at 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Thomas reiterated his desire to have meetings start on time and his interest in having rules of procedure.

Council directed the City Attorney, City Manager and City Clerk to draft rules of procedure for City Council to review.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Suzanne Puryear, working in a consultant capacity, reviewed priority areas decided upon at the September retreat: Education, Public Safety and Housing.

In discussing education, it was the consensus of council to move ahead with the Career Technical Education school and as a public charter.

Also discussed was a Commission on Lifelong Learning, co-chaired by Dr. Whibley and Mr. Smigiel. Council directed the City Attorney to draft an ordinance creating the commission.

Discussion of public safety included a review of results from the September retreat.

Dr. Whibley stated she had previously brought up the problems of speeding and gun violence and wondered what has been accomplished. She also spoke about the perception of some in her neighborhood, who think it is unsafe, attributable mostly to larcenies from autos.

Discussion of policing raised issues of the need for more police cars, police training and take home cars.

Mr. Smigiel noted the Hispanic population and the need for bilingual police offices or language training.

Mr. Thomas noted council was supposed to receive a report on police needs and asked when it would be provided.

On housing, Mayor Alexander asked for an ordinance for a Master Plan for St. Paul's Quadrant including Calvert, Young Terrace, and Tidewater Gardens public housing communities.

Ms. McClellan stated residents need to be involved from the outset and that a database of affordable housing is needed.

Mr. Riddick questioned how realistic this plan is, that it's a conversation that's been going on for 17 years. He suggested residential development on publicly owned property in the area bounded by Goff Street, the railroad tracks, Barraud Park and the Lafayette River.

Council consensus was to move ahead with the purpose built community concept.

Infrastructure discussion: Mr. Smigiel asked when curbs and gutters would be installed in neighborhoods without them, and asked if there is a plan.

Mr. Riddick stated Tidewater Drive should be made 6 or 8 lanes to improve north/south transportation.

Resiliency: Ms. McClellan reiterated a request to look for alternative funding sources for flood mitigation.

Also discussed was ways to encourage environmentally friendly developments and to construct new public buildings that incorporate energy efficient design such as solar panels.

Technology: Ms. McClellan suggested providing incentives to the school system for providing access to technology to low and moderate income students, and asked for an open data policy for the city.

Mr. Smigiel asked for the status of the city buying conduit space from Lumos and that received \$5 million in funding in this year's budget.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.